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Addendum

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II. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Matters related to and intersessional departures from the approved calendar for 2006

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/236 A of 23 December 2005, approved the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2006 and 2007 as submitted by the Committee on Conferences and amended by subsequent decisions taken by the Assembly at its sixtieth session. The calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2006/2.

2. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee had decided that, in future, requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

3. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee had agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

4. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee had decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved other types of changes, as decided upon by the Committee at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

5. Requests submitted in 2006 for changes of venue or additional sessions/meetings and the action taken by the Committee are set out below.

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Organ	*Request*	*Action taken*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	To revise the dates of the first and second quarter sessions as follows: 14 February to 13 April and from 2 to 30 May 2006 owing to the need to take up a number of papers on reform at short notice as well as the delay in a number of peacekeeping budgets. No additional meetings are involved.	Request approved
Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters	To convene the forty-seventh session of the Board from 21 to 23 June 2006 in Geneva rather than in New York to give members the opportunity to confer with participants in the Conference on Disarmament. Since the Board also serves as the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, the Geneva venue allows the Board members close contact with the staff of the Institute.	Request approved
Group of governmental experts to consider further steps to enhance international cooperation in preventing, combating and eradicating illicit brokering in small arms and light weapons	To hold its first session from 27 November to 1 December 2006 in Geneva, instead of in New York in order to afford members of the Group an opportunity to interact directly with participants in the Conference on Disarmament on current disarmament issues. Conference services in Geneva confirmed that the meetings can be accommodated within existing resources.	Request approved
Commission on Population and Development	To hold one additional meeting to conclude its session and allow the timely adoption and submission of its report to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council.	Request approved
Commission on the Status of Women	To convene one additional meeting in order to take action on remaining text in its report and thus conclude the work of its fiftieth session, which, owing to time constraints, could not be accomplished on the scheduled final day of the session. Services to be provided within existing resources.	Request approved
Committee on Information	To convene one additional meeting in order to review the Department of Public Information's strategic framework for 2008-2009, which, owing to the unavailability of the document, the Committee was unable to do at the time of the regular session. Services to be provided within existing resources.	Request approved with one delegation to the Committee dissociating itself from the decision of the Bureau
Commission on Social Development	To convene one additional meeting to conclude the work of its forty-fourth session. Services to be provided within existing resources.	Request approved

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Ad-Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities	To convene one additional meeting to adopt the draft convention as revised by the drafting committee. However, services were not required as the Committee completed the work of the eighth session within the allocated time.	Request approved
General Assembly, Fifth Committee	One additional meeting to adopt the proposals of the second resumed session.	Request approved